

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1485-02  
Bill No.: HB 695  
Subject: Dentists; Licenses—Professional; Department of Economic Development  
Type: Original  
Date: February 20, 2001

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Dental Fund	\$0	\$556,995	(\$556,995)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$556,995</b>	<b>(\$556,995)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials with the **Office of Administration–Administrative Hearing Commission** and the **Department of Economic Development–Division of Professional Registration** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their agency.

**Oversight** notes that the change to biennial licensure will affect the flow of revenues for renewals.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>DENTAL FUND</b>			
<u>Revenues–DPR</u>			
Biennial Renewals begin 11/30/02		\$556,995	
<u>Cost–DPR</u>			
Renewals not made 11/30/03			(\$556,995)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO DENTAL FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$556,995</u></b>	<b><u>(\$556,995)</u></b>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2003	 FY 2004
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

### DESCRIPTION

This bill contains provisions regarding the powers and duties of the State Dental Board.

(1) Investigators employed by the board are given authority to inspect and copy all records when conducting investigations for alleged violations.

(2) All patient records will be admissible into evidence during hearings to determine a licensee's fitness to practice.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

- (3) No person may practice dentistry or dental hygiene without being duly licensed.
- (4) Applications for licensure will be valid for one year; applications are void if not completed within that period.
- (5) After December 1, 2002, all licenses are valid for 2 years.
- (6) The board is given the authority to set continuing education requirements and provides exemptions under certain circumstances.
- (7) An inactive status is established for dental hygienists. Persons placing themselves on the list may not practice dental hygiene. Those inactive licensees wishing to become active must apply for licensure and pay fees for the years between becoming inactive and the issuance of the current license. Those persons inactive for 4 years or longer must apply in the same manner as an original applicant.
- (8) The board, at its discretion, may revoke licenses for a period from 2 to 7 years.
- (9) When the board feels that a licensee is a danger to the public and files a complaint with the Administrative Hearing Commission, the commission has 15 days to determine whether the activities of the licensee constitute a danger to the public and take the appropriate action.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Administration  
Administrative Hearing Commission  
Department of Economic Development  
Division of Professional Registration



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